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To: A16.A16(KIDSTV)
Date: 11/2/95 5:38pm
Subject: Simpson-Istook Amendment

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As an American citizen concerned about losing my constitutional rights, I urge you to support the Simpson-Istook Amendment and H.R.1488.

Thank you,
Mark Sorrentino
Plano Texas

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From: Molly Prince <Molly_Prince@CA-NET.PVT.K12.OH.US>
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Date: 11/3/95 11:06am
Subject: kids tv

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Dear Sir and Madam:

I have recently read an article published by the National Education Association. Its author, Kieth Geiger, president of the NEA, underlined the moral and civic responsibility that broadcasters, advertisers, and other affiliated officials, have to the children who receive exposure to their television programs. As a middle school teacher, I echo the urgency to this need. Our children, our future, are undoubtedly influenced by the violence and inappropriate sexual activity seen on primetime T.V.. Please know that I support all political actions that would help limit this exposure, including the across-the-board inclusion of V-Chips in every TV sold in the United States. Please inform me of legislation related to this area, and of actions your commission plans to take. Sincerely, Molly Prince; Director of Student Life; Columbus Academy; P.O. Box 30745, Gahanna, Ohio 43230 (614)475-2311

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Subject: Kids At LOC

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Kara Lynn Nadeau (KNadeau @ Hartford edu.) writes:

The thing that I disagree with most concerning children's television and movies is the images that are portayed. For example, the classic Disney character, particuarly, the classic Disney female character has been twisted into becoming some kind of sex goddess for adult audiences. Take, for example, Snow White v. Pocohontus. No longer is the apple cheeked modest female character present. Now, the heroine must be scantily clothed with large breasts. Also the actions of the heroine are quite questionable. Would we ever see Snow White being the sexual agressor rolling around in the forest with her prince charming? What kind of image of femaleness are our children getting from this. Children's shows should not be a forum for the sexual revolution. It makes me sick to see twelve year old girls in my town having babies when I know that when I was twelve, only seven years ago, I was out tree climbing and making fun of the boys around me. The only sexual activity I was involved in w!
as involved in was dreaming of ki

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From: David Young (LIS) <dayoung@luna.cas.usf.edu>
To: A16.A16(kidstv)
Date: 11/3/95 3:43pm
Subject: Re: Telecom Post #17

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I recently read a portion of the electronic mail newsletter Telecom Post #17 where someone basically denounced everything on television in terms of children's programming, and recommended taking all these steps to change it. I realize that this email address was included primarily for supporters. I, however, object to what this person was getting at.

Don't get me wrong. I understand the importance of educational programming. I can even see taking steps to promote a minimum of such programs each day. But don't you dare take everything off the air, replacing everything with "educational" programs.

When I was a kid, some of my favorite shows were "Spider-Man," (and "Spider-Man and His Amazing Friends"), "Super Friends," "Star Blazers," and "Battle of the Planets." These were definitely NOT what anyone would call "educational" children's programs. Yet they were just the shows I wanted to watch after a long day or week at school. They were fun.

To expect children to consume ONLY educational programming 24 hours a day is ridiculous. Do YOU watch ONLY "educational programming?" (I'm sure none of you watch shows like "Home Improvement," "Friends," "NYPD Blue," or "ER," because I don't think they are "educational." Everyone needs some form of media just to relax and enjoy. Bestselling novels, silly TV sitcoms, action movies. Children have this same need.

As with everything, there must be a balance. If a child ONLY watches "Mighty Morphen Power Rangers," "VR Troopers," and "X-Men," there is certainly a problem. These need to be balanced with the likes of "Sesame Street" or other educational programming. But, personally, I do not think it is healthy either for a child to be "studying" all the time. And isn't giving children only "educational" choices doing just that.

To sum things up, please don't take away the current versions of the shows I loved as a kid (the new "Spider-Man," "X-Men," "The Tick"). I wouldn't want my future kids to sleep late every Saturday just because there aren't any "fun" shows on.

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"I am attempting to fill a silent moment
with non-relevant conversation" --
Data to Picard, "Starship Mine",
Star Trek: The Next Generation

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